

# **SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FACT SHEET**

## **Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services**

*This fact sheet contains information about the impact of alcohol and other drug use in the First Worcester Representative District. Admission data were reported to the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) Substance Abuse Management Information System in FY 2003.*

### **Residents of First Worcester Representative District**

#### **Characteristics of Admissions**

In FY 2003, there were 115,896 admissions to licensed substance abuse treatment services in all of Massachusetts; less than one percent (259) of these admissions reside in the First Worcester Representative District. 4.6% (12) of admissions from the First Worcester Representative District were under 17 years of age. **Please note that these statistics represent only individual admissions, and represent a figure lower than the actual number of constituents in need of treatment services.** In FY 2003, admissions to all residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment services from the First Worcester Representative District reported the following characteristics:

- 75% were male and 25% were female.
- 57% were between the ages of 21-39.
- 86% were white non-Latino, 4% were black non-Latino, 6% were Latino, and 3% were other racial categories.
- 62% were never married, 21% were married, and 17% reported not to be married now.
- 16% had less than high school education, 47% completed high school, and 37% had more than high school education.
- 44% were employed.
- 5% were homeless.
- 25% had prior mental health treatment.

#### **Primary Substance of Use**

At admission clients also identify a “primary drug” of use that is the substance for which the client is seeking treatment. Table 1 compares the proportional distribution of primary drugs in Massachusetts with that for the First Worcester Representative District.

<b>Table 1</b>					
<b>Primary Drug by District and State FY 2003</b>					
	Alcohol	Heroin	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack
District	55%	25%	9%	3%	2%
State	43%	38%	6%	4%	4%

#### **Substances Used in Past Year**

Upon entering treatment, each client is asked to report ALL substances used in the past year (12 months) prior to admission. Admissions frequently report using more than one substance within the year. The use of more than one psychoactive substance, such as alcohol and marijuana, is referred to as ‘polydrug’ or ‘polysubstance’ use.

Table 2 shows ALL substances which clients reported using in the year prior to admission, as well as the prevalence of injection drug users (or IDU's), individuals who use a needle to ingest cocaine, crack, heroin or another drug to get high.

<b>Table 2</b> <b>Annual Admissions by Substance Used: FY 1995 – FY 2003</b> <b>First Worcester Representative District</b>							
	Total	Alcohol	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack	Heroin	IDU
<b>FY '95</b>	331	294	87	70	51	55	31
<b>FY '96</b>	214	186	63	33	23	28	20
<b>FY '97</b>	253	226	81	58	41	35	27
<b>FY '98</b>	344	304	113	72	38	70	45
<b>FY '99</b>	353	311	114	67	38	80	66
<b>FY '00</b>	295	247	96	72	38	96	69
<b>FY '01</b>	289	228	87	65	32	102	77
<b>FY '02</b>	280	206	75	41	26	81	68
<b>FY '03</b>	259	196	81	48	24	81	57